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11 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
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13 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

14 MARYAM MNASAKANYAN,  
15 GURGEN HARUTYUNYAN,  
16 INDIVIDUALLY AND AS  
17 SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST TO  
18 THE ESTATE OF ALBERT  
19 HARUTYUNYAN AKA ALBERD  
20 TERSARGYAN,  
21 Plaintiffs,

22 v.  
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24 CHARLES L. BECK, DAN MYERS,  
25 AMY ASHVANIAN, JIM  
26 McDONNELL, DR. MARVIN  
27 SOUTHARD, DR. STEPHEN SHEA,  
28 DR. PHUONG TRUONG, JACKIE  
LACEY, JONATHAN CHUNG, CITY  
OF LOS ANGELES, LOS ANGELES  
COUNTY and DOES 1-10, Inclusive,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 18-CV-10376 DDP (JCx)

**STIPULATED PROTECTIVE  
ORDER**

**[CHANGE MADE BY COURT TO  
PARAGRAPHS 1A, 3, 6.2, 6.3, 8(c),  
9(c), 11, 12.3, Exhibit A]**

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1       1.    A. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS

2                   Discovery in this action is likely to involve production of confidential, proprietary, or  
3 private information for which special protection from public disclosure and from use for any  
4 purpose other than prosecuting this litigation may be warranted. Accordingly, the parties hereby  
5 stipulate to and petition the Court to enter the following Stipulated Protective Order. The parties  
6 acknowledge that this Order does not confer blanket protections on all disclosures or responses  
7 to discovery and that the protection it affords from public disclosure and use extends only to the  
8 limited information or items that are entitled to confidential treatment under the applicable legal  
9 principles. The parties further acknowledge, as set forth in Section 12.3, below, that this  
10 Stipulated Protective Order does not entitle them to file confidential information under seal.  
11 Rather, when the parties seek permission from the court to file material under seal, the parties  
12 must comply with Civil Local Rule 79-5 and with any pertinent orders of the assigned District  
13 Judge and Magistrate Judge.

14               B. GOOD CAUSE STATEMENT

15               Good cause exists for entry of this order. As Plaintiff is seeking and Defendants may  
16 produce, among other things, third party private and confidential information; portions of the  
17 personnel files of the deputy personnel involved in the subject incident, which contains  
18 confidential information, and information the County of Los Angeles regards as official  
19 information; performance evaluations, work schedules/logs and rosters, and training records for  
20 the involved deputy personnel; administrative investigation files, internal policies and procedures  
21 for the Sheriff's Department and Department of Mental Health, which contain sensitive materials  
22 which the County of Los Angeles believes need special protection from public disclosure.

23               The documents identified in this Protective Order, which Defendants believe in good  
24 faith constitute or embody confidential information which the County of Los Angeles maintains  
25 as strictly confidential and are otherwise generally unavailable to the public, or which may be  
26 privileged or otherwise protected from disclosure under state or federal statutes, court rules, case  
27 decisions, or common law, are therefore entitled to heightened protection from disclosure.  
28 Accordingly, to expedite the flow of information, to facilitate the prompt resolution of disputes

1 over confidentiality of discovery materials, to adequately protect information the parties are  
2 entitled to keep confidential, to ensure that the parties are permitted reasonable necessary uses of  
3 such material in preparation for and in the conduct of trial, to address their handling at the end of  
4 the litigation, and serve the ends of justice, a protective order for such information is justified in  
5 this matter. It is the intent of the parties that information will not be designated as confidential  
6 for tactical reasons and that nothing be so designated without a good faith belief that it has been  
7 maintained in a confidential, non-public manner, and there is good cause why it should not be  
8 part of the public record of this case.

9 2. DEFINITIONS

10 2.1 Action: This pending state lawsuit.

11 2.2 Challenging Party: A Party or Non-Party that challenges the designation of  
12 information or items under this Order.

13 2.3 “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items: information (regardless of how it is  
14 generated, stored or maintained) or tangible things that qualify for protection under  
15 administrative, state or federal statute or by law, and as specified above in the Good Cause  
16 Statement.

17 2.4 Counsel: Outside Counsel of Record and House Counsel (as well as their support  
18 staff).

19 2.5 Designating Party: A Party or Non-Party that designates information or items that  
20 it produces in disclosures or in responses to discovery as “CONFIDENTIAL.”

21 2.6 Disclosure or Discovery Material: all items or information, regardless of the  
22 medium or manner in which it is generated, stored, or maintained (including, among other things,  
23 testimony, transcripts, and tangible things), that are produced or generated in disclosures or  
24 responses to discovery in this matter.

25 2.7 Expert: a person with specialized knowledge or experience in a matter pertinent to  
26 the litigation who has been retained by a Party or its counsel to serve as an expert witness or as a  
27 consultant in this Action.

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1           2.8    House Counsel: attorneys who are employees of a party to this Action. House  
2 Counsel does not include Outside Counsel of Record or any other outside counsel.

3           2.9    Non-Party: any natural person, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal  
4 entity not named as a Party to this action.

5           2.10   Outside Counsel of Record: attorneys who are not employees of a party to this  
6 Action but are retained to represent or advise a party to this Action and have appeared in this  
7 Action on behalf of that party or are affiliated with a law firm which has appeared on behalf of  
8 that party, and includes support staff.

9           2.11   Party: any party to this Action, including all of its officers, directors, board,  
10 departments, divisions, employees, consultants, retained experts, and Outside Counsel of Record  
11 (and their support staff).

12           2.12   Producing Party: A Party or Non-Party that produces Disclosure or Discovery  
13 Material in this Action.

14           2.13   Professional Vendors: persons or entities that provide litigation support services  
15 (e.g., photocopying, videotaping, translating, preparing exhibits or demonstrations, and  
16 organizing, storing, or retrieving data in any form or medium) and their employees and  
17 subcontractors.

18           2.14   Protected Material: any Disclosure or Discovery Material that is designated as  
19 "CONFIDENTIAL."

20           2.15   Receiving Party: A Party that receives Disclosure or Discovery Material from a  
21 Producing Party.

22           3.    SCOPE

23           The protections conferred by this Stipulation and Order cover not only Protected Material  
24 (as defined above), but also (1) any information copied or extracted from Protected Material;  
25 (2) all copies, excerpts, summaries, or compilations of Protected Material; and (3) any deposition  
26 testimony, conversations, or presentations by Parties or their Counsel that might reveal Protected  
27 Material, other than during a court hearing or at trial.

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1 Any use of Protected Material during a court hearing or at trial shall be governed by the  
2 orders of the presiding judge. This Order does not govern the use of Protected Material during a  
3 court hearing or at trial.

4 **4. DURATION**

5 Even after final disposition of this litigation, the confidentiality obligations imposed by  
6 this Order shall remain in effect until a Designating Party agrees otherwise in writing or a court  
7 order otherwise directs. Final disposition shall be deemed to be the later of (1) dismissal of all  
8 claims and defenses in this Action, with or without prejudice; and (2) final judgment herein after  
9 the completion and exhaustion of all appeals, rehearings, remands, trials, or reviews of this  
10 Action, including the time limits for filing any motions or applications for extension of time  
11 pursuant to applicable law.

12 **5. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL**

13 **5.1 Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection.**

14 Each Party or Non-Party that designates information or items for protection under this  
15 Order must take care to limit any such designation to specific material that qualifies under the  
16 appropriate standards. The Designating Party must designate for protection only those parts of  
17 material, documents, items, or oral or written communications that qualify so that other portions  
18 of the material, documents, items, or communications for which protection is not warranted are  
19 not swept unjustifiably within the ambit of this Order.

20 Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited. Designations that are  
21 shown to be clearly unjustified or that have been made for an improper purpose (e.g., to  
22 unnecessarily encumber the case development process or to impose unnecessary expenses and  
23 burdens on other parties) may expose the Designating Party to sanctions.

24 **5.2 Manner and Timing of Designations.**

25 Except as otherwise provided in this Order (see, e.g., second paragraph of section 5.2(a)  
26 below), or as otherwise stipulated or ordered, Disclosure or Discovery Material that qualifies for  
27 protection under this Order must be clearly so designated before the material is disclosed or  
28 produced.

1 Designation in conformity with this Order requires:

2 (a) for information in documentary form (e.g., paper or electronic documents, but  
3 excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial proceedings), that the Producing  
4 Party affix at a minimum, the legend “CONFIDENTIAL” (hereinafter “CONFIDENTIAL  
5 legend”), to each page that contains protected material. The legend must not obstruct a Party’s  
6 ability to view the contents of that document. If only a portion or portions of the material on a  
7 page qualifies for protection, the Producing Party also must clearly identify the protected  
8 portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate markings in the margins).

9           A Party or Non-Party that makes original documents available for inspection need not  
10 designate them for protection until after the inspecting Party has indicated which documents it  
11 would like copied and produced. During the inspection and before the designation, all of the  
12 material made available for inspection shall be deemed “CONFIDENTIAL.” After the inspecting  
13 Party has identified the documents it wants copied and produced, the Producing Party must  
14 determine which documents, or portions thereof, qualify for protection under this Order. Then,  
15 before producing the specified documents, the Producing Party must affix the  
16 “CONFIDENTIAL legend” to each page that contains Protected Material. If only a portion or  
17 portions of the material on a page qualifies for protection, the Producing Party also must clearly  
18 identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate markings in the margins).

19 (b) for testimony given in depositions that the Designating Party identify the  
20 Disclosure or Discovery Material on the record, before the close of the deposition all protected  
21 testimony.

22 (c) for information produced in some form other than documentary and for any other  
23 tangible items, that, at a minimum, the Producing Party affix in a prominent place on the exterior  
24 of the container or containers in which the information is stored the legend "CONFIDENTIAL."  
25 If only a portion or portions of the information warrants protection, the Producing Party, to the  
26 extent practicable, shall identify the protected portion(s).

27        5.3    Inadvertent Failures to Designate. If timely corrected, an inadvertent failure to  
28    designate qualified information or items does not, standing alone, waive the Designating Party's

1 right to secure protection under this Order for such material. Upon timely correction of a  
2 designation, the Receiving Party must make reasonable efforts to assure that the material is  
3 treated in accordance with the provisions of this Order.

4       5.4     Privilege Logs. If a party withholds information that is responsive to a discovery  
5     request by claiming that it is privileged or otherwise protected from discovery, that party shall  
6     promptly prepare and provide a privilege log that is sufficiently detailed and informative for the  
7     opposing party to assess whether a document's designation as privileged is justified. See  
8     Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(b)(5). The privilege log shall set forth the privilege relied upon and specify  
9     separately for each document or for each category of similarly situated documents:

- (a) the title and description of the document, including number of pages or Bates-number range;
- (b) the subject matter addressed in the document;
- (c) the identity and position of its author(s);
- (d) the identity and position of all addressees and recipients;
- (e) the date the document was prepared and, if different, the date(s) on which it was sent to or shared with persons other than its author(s); and
- (f) the specific basis for the claim that the document is privileged and protected.

18                   Communications involving counsel that post-date the filing of the complaint need not be  
19 placed on a privilege log

**20** 6. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS

21       6.1     Timing of Challenges. Any Party or Non-Party may challenge a designation of  
22 confidentiality upon designation of a document(s) as Confidential by the Designating Party  
23 provided the challenge is made within the applicable discovery deadline.

24        6.2 Meet and Confer. The Challenging Party shall initiate the dispute resolution  
25 process under Local Rules 37-1, et seq.

26        6.3     Failing informal resolution between parties, the Designating Party may file and  
27     serve a Motion for a Protective Order with the Court consistent with the District Judge's  
28     Scheduling Order and pursuant to Local Rules 37-1, et seq. The parties agree that if the Motion

1 for Protective Order is filed within 21 days of the written challenge (subject to extension upon  
2 agreement of the Parties), the Material will retain its original designation until the Court rules on  
3 the Motion for a Protective Order. If the Designating Party does not file a motion within the 21-  
4 day period following a challenge, the material is no longer designated as CONFIDENTIAL  
5 INFORMATION for purposes of this Stipulation, but that change in designation does not bar the  
6 Producing Party from subsequently filing a motion for a protective order consistent with the  
7 District Judge's Scheduling Order and pursuant to Local Rules 37-1, et seq.

8 **7. ACCESS TO AND USE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL**

9       7.1 Basic Principles. A Receiving Party may use Protected Material that is disclosed  
10 or produced by another Party or by a Non-Party in connection with this Action only for  
11 prosecuting, defending, or attempting to settle this Action. Such Protected Material may be  
12 disclosed only to the categories of persons and under the conditions described in this Order.  
13 When the Action has been terminated, a Receiving Party must comply with the provisions of  
14 section 13 below (FINAL DISPOSITION).

15       Protected Material must be stored and maintained by a Receiving Party at a location and  
16 in a secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the persons authorized under this Order.

17       7.2 Disclosure of “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items. Unless otherwise  
18 ordered by the court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a Receiving Party may  
19 disclose any information or item designated “CONFIDENTIAL” only to:

20           (a) the Receiving Party’s Outside Counsel of Record in this Action, as well as  
21 employees of said Outside Counsel of Record to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the  
22 information for this Action;

23           (b) the officers, directors, and employees (including House Counsel) of the  
24 Receiving Party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action;

25           (c) Experts (as defined in this Order) of the Receiving Party to whom  
26 disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and who have signed the “Acknowledgment  
27 and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

28           (d) the court and its personnel;

1 (e) court reporters and their staff;

2 (f) professional jury or trial consultants, mock jurors, and Professional Vendors to whom

3 disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and who have signed the

4 “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

5 (g) the author or recipient of a document containing the information or a

6 custodian or other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information;

7 (h) during their depositions, witnesses, and attorneys for witnesses, in the Action to

8 whom disclosure is reasonably necessary provided: (1) the deposing party requests that the

9 witness sign the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” form attached as Exhibit A

10 hereto; and (2) they will not be permitted to keep any confidential information unless they sign

11 the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A), unless otherwise agreed by the

12 Designating Party or ordered by the court. Pages of transcribed deposition testimony or exhibits

13 to depositions that reveal Protected Material may be separately bound by the court reporter and

14 may not be disclosed to anyone except as permitted under this Stipulated Protective Order; and

15 (i) any mediator or settlement officer, and their supporting personnel, mutually

16 agreed upon by any of the parties engaged in settlement discussions.

17 8. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED IN OTHER  
18 LITIGATION

19 If a Party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other litigation that compels  
20 disclosure of any information or items designated in this Action as “CONFIDENTIAL,” that  
21 Party must:

22 (a) promptly notify in writing the Designating Party. Such notification shall include a  
23 copy of the subpoena or court order;

24 (b) promptly notify in writing the party who caused the subpoena or order to issues in  
25 the other litigation that some or all of the material covered by the subpoena or order is subject to  
26 this Protective Order. Such notification shall include a copy of this Stipulated Protective Order;  
27 and

(c) cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be pursued by the Designating Party whose Protected Material may be affected.

If the Designating Party timely seeks a protective order, the Party served with the subpoena or court order shall not produce any information designated in this action as “CONFIDENTIAL” before a determination by the court from which the subpoena or order issued, unless the Party has obtained the Designating Party’s permission, or unless otherwise required by the law or court order. The Designating Party shall bear the burden and expense of seeking protection in that court of its confidential material and nothing in these provisions should be construed as authorizing or encouraging a Receiving Party in this Action to disobey a lawful directive from another court.

9. A NON-PARTY'S PROTECTED MATERIAL SOUGHT TO BE PRODUCED IN THIS LITIGATION

(a) The terms of this Order are applicable to information produced by a Non-Party in this Action and designated as “CONFIDENTIAL.” Such information produced by Non-Parties in connection with this litigation is protected by the remedies and relief provided by this Order. Nothing in these provisions should be construed as prohibiting a Non-Party from seeking additional protections.

(b) In the event that a Party is required, by a valid discovery request, to produce a Non-Party's confidential information in its possession, and the Party is subject to an agreement with the Non-Party not to produce the Non-Party's confidential information, then the Party shall:

(1) promptly notify in writing the Requesting Party and the Non-Party that some or all of the information requested is subject to a confidentiality agreement with a Non-Party;

(2) promptly provide the Non-Party with a copy of the Stipulated Protective Order in this Action, the relevant discovery request(s), and a reasonably specific description of the information requested; and

(3) make the information requested available for inspection by the Non-Party, if requested.

3 (c) If the Non-Party fails to seek a protective order from this court within 14  
4 days of receiving the notice and accompanying information, the Receiving Party may produce  
5 the Non-Party's confidential information responsive to the discovery request. If the Non-Party  
6 timely seeks a protective order, the Receiving Party shall not produce any information in its  
7 possession or control that is subject to the confidentiality agreement with the Non-Party before a  
8 determination by the court, unless otherwise required by the law or court order. Absent a court  
9 order to the contrary, the Non-Party shall bear the burden and expense of seeking protection in  
10 this court of its Protected Material.

11 | 10. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL.

If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed Protected Material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this Stipulated Protective Order, the Receiving Party must immediately (a) notify in writing the Designating Party of the unauthorized disclosures, (b) use its best efforts to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the Protected Material, (c) inform the person or persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of this Order, and (d) request such person or persons to execute the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" that is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

19 11. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR OTHERWISE PROTECTED  
20 MATERIAL.

21 When a Producing Party gives notice to Receiving Parties that certain inadvertently produced  
22 material is subject to a claim of privilege or other protection, the parties agree that the  
23 obligations of the Receiving Parties are those set forth in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure  
24 26(b)(5)(B) as a guideline for this state action. This provision is not intended to modify whatever  
25 procedure may be established in any discovery order that provides for production without prior  
26 privilege review. Pursuant to Federal Rules of Evidence 502(d) and (e), insofar as the parties  
27 reach an agreement on the effect of disclosure of a communication or information covered by the

1 attorney-client privilege or work product protection, the parties may incorporate their agreement  
2 in the stipulated protective order submitted to the court.

3 **12. MISCELLANEOUS**

4       12.1   Right to Further Relief. Nothing in this Order abridges the right of any person to  
5 seek its modification by the Court in the future.

6       12.2   Right to Assert Other Objections. By stipulating to the entry of this Protective  
7 Order no Party waives any right it otherwise would have to object to disclosing or producing any  
8 information or item on any ground not addressed in this Stipulated Protective Order. Similarly,  
9 no Party waives any right to object on any ground to use in evidence of any of the material  
10 covered by this Protective Order.

11       12.3   Filing Protected Material. A Party that seeks to file under seal any Protected  
12 Material must comply with the Civil Local Rule 79-5 and with any pertinent orders of the  
13 assigned District Judge and Magistrate Judge. Protected Material may only be filed under seal  
14 pursuant to a court order authorizing the sealing of the specific Protected Material at issue. If a  
15 Party's request to file Protected Material under seal is denied by the court, then the Receiving  
16 Party may file the information in the public record unless otherwise instructed by the court.

17 **13. FINAL DISPOSITION**

18       After the final disposition of this Action (as defined in paragraph 4), within 60 days of a  
19 written request by the Designating Party, or another period of time agreed upon by the parties,  
20 each Receiving Party must return all Protected Material to the Producing Party or destroy such  
21 material. As used in this subdivision, "all Protected Material" includes all copies, abstracts,  
22 compilations, summaries, and any other format reproducing or capturing any of the Protected  
23 Material. Whether the Protected Material is returned or destroyed, the Receiving Party must  
24 submit a written certification to the Producing Party (and, if not the same person or entity, to the  
25 Designating Party) by the 60 day or agreed upon deadline that (1) identifies (by category, where  
26 appropriate) all the Protected Material that was returned or destroyed and (2) affirms that the  
27 Receiving Party has not retained any copies, abstracts, compilations, summaries or any other  
28 format reproducing or capturing any of the Protected Material. Notwithstanding this provision,

1 Counsel are entitled to retain an archival copy of all pleadings, motion papers, trial, deposition,  
2 and hearing transcripts, legal memoranda, correspondence, deposition and trial exhibits, expert  
3 reports, attorney work product, and consultant and expert work product, even if such materials  
4 contain Protected Material. Any such archival copies that contain or constitute Protected  
5 Material remain subject to this Protective Order as set forth in Section 4 (DURATION).

6 14. Any violation of this Order may be punished by any and all appropriate measures  
7 including, without limitation, contempt proceedings and/or monetary sanctions.

8 IT IS SO STIPULATED, THROUGH COUNSEL OF RECORD.

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10 DATED: January 3, 2020

11 /s/

12 Tracey Grayson, Esq.  
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14 MARYAM MNASAKANYAN and GURGEN  
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16 DATED: January 31, 2019

COLLINSON, DAEHNKE, INLOW & GRECO

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23 /s/  
24 SUREKHA A. SHEPHERD,  
25 Attorneys for Defendants,  
26 CITY OF LOS ANGELES

27 FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, IT IS SO ORDERED AS MODIFIED.

28 Dated: February 10, 2020

/s/  
Honorable Jacqueline Chooljian  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

**EXHIBIT A**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full name], of \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full address], declare under penalty of perjury that I read in its entirety and understand the Stipulated Protective Order that was issued by United States District Court for the Central District of California on February 10, in the case of *Maryam Mnasakanyan et al. v. Charles L. Beck, et al.*, Case No. 2:18-376. I agree to comply with and to be bound by all the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order and I understand and acknowledge that failure to so comply could expose me to sanctions and punishment in the nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in any manner any information or item that is subject to this Stipulated Protective Order to any person or entity except in strict compliance with the provisions of this Order.

I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Central District of California for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order, even if such enforcement proceedings occur after termination of this action.

I hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full name] of  
\_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full address and telephone  
number] as my California agent for service of process in connection with this action or  
any proceedings related to enforcement of this Stipulated Protective Order.

Date:

City and State where sworn and signed:

Printed name:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_